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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ricardo Alphonso Neal, who passed away on March 22, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Ricardo Neal was born on October 19, 1960, in St. Louis, Missouri; his parents were Gene Neal and Ruth Jean Gates; as a young boy, he accepted salvation at Temple Church of Christ in St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Mercy High School, Ricardo Neal attended Tennessee State University, where he became a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; he later earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Columbia College and his master's degree in counseling from Missouri Baptist University; and

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WHEREAS, Ricardo Neal was an employee of the St. Louis Public School System and the Gateway Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, Ricardo Neal was an Ordained Elder in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., where he worked diligently in the ministry of drug and alcohol recovery; after relocating his family to Illinois, he joined the New Life In Christ Interdenominational Church and continued his faithful

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1 service as a minister-in-training; his dream was to start a
2 non-profit Christian organization called Anointed Grounds
3 Ministry to assist those suffering from drug addiction and
4 alcoholism, and he had made great strides in recent months
5 toward fulfilling his dream; and

6 WHEREAS, Ricardo Neal enjoyed traveling and watching the
7 History Channel and old black and white films on TCM; and

8 WHEREAS, Ricardo Neal is survived by his loving wife of 18
9 years, Roshanda Neal; his children, Randy Wiley, Mikayla Neal,
10 Mariah Neal, Marissa Neal, and Jayden Neal; his special cousin,
11 Sonja Strozier; his aunt, Mary (Tom) Roberts; his
12 mother-in-law, Annie May; his sisters-in-law, Erica May,
13 Barbara (Calvin) Ginger, and Gloria May; his special friend,
14 Arthur Jones; and his many cousins, nieces, nephews, other
15 relatives, and friends, including the Brothers in the Bond of
16 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Theta Chapter;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Ricardo Alphonso Neal;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ricardo Neal as an expression of our
2 sympathy.